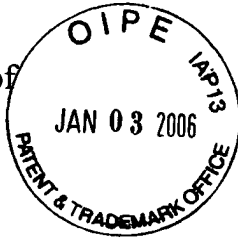


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**RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (appearing on pages 4-6 of the Notice of Allowability mailed October 6, 2005) to the extent that such reasons differ from the actual language of the claims. Moreover, Applicant further disagrees in that claim 28 is not separately treated. Yet further, Applicant submits that at least some of the articulated reasons are unclear, for example page 5, lines 15-16.

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SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

Sir:

Attached hereto is a Supplemental Declaration for the above-referenced application which accurately lists all amendments made in the above-referenced application. It is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Declaration be made of record in this application and replace the original Declaration filed on April 26, 2000.

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